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In re Application of :
Braun *et al.* :
Serial No.: 09/773,844 :
Filed: 02/10/2002 :
For: VARIABLE OPTICAL :
DELAY LINES AND METHODS :
FOR MAKING SAME :
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Examiner: George Y Wang

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On February 14, 2003, applicants' attorney, Glen Books, conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner George Wang concerning the above-identified case. Applicants' attorney pointed out that the invention differed from the primary reference, United States Patent 5,018,816, in that the optical pathlength differences between successive fibers were achieved by changes in the curvature from one fiber to another whereas in Murray, e.g. Fig. 4, the curvatures were the same. Murray thus depends on

precision cutting of the fiber, presenting the difficulties of precision cutting described in applicants' background of the invention. The Examiner indicated he would be amenable to reviewing amended claims that recited these differences more precisely.

Respectfully submitted,



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